

SENATE RESOLUTION 61

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A RESOLUTION to honor Captain Ronald D. Deering, USN, for his meritorious service as Commanding Officer of USS TENNESSEE (SSBN 734) (G).

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this legislative body recognize those who in their years of work have performed with extraordinary dedication and unprecedented devotion; and

WHEREAS, Captain Ronald D. Deering is one such outstanding person who has served with alacrity and acuity for 26 years with the United States Navy; and

WHEREAS, a native of Liverpool, Ohio, Captain Ronald Deering received his bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering from Youngstown State University in 1970; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Captain Deering entered the United States Navy by way of the Nuclear Propulsion Officer Candidate Program; and

WHEREAS, he was commissioned in February, 1972 and when he completed nuclear power training, Captain Deering reported to the USS JOHN C. CALHOUN (SSBN 630) (GOLD) for his first sea tour, which lasted from 1973 to 1976; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of Submarine Officers Advanced Course at Naval Submarine School, Captain Deering reported for duty on the USS RAY (SSN 653) as an Engineering Officer; and

WHEREAS, he then reported to the Naval Nuclear Power School as the Director of Enlisted Nuclear Power Training; and

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WHEREAS, Captain Deering reported to the USS JOHN C. CALHOUN (SSBN 630) (BLUE) as an Executive Officer until August 1986; and

WHEREAS, from March, 1989 to November, 1991, Captain Deering served as the Commanding Officer of the USS WHALE (SSN 638); and

WHEREAS, during this tour, WHALE was awarded a meritorious Unit Commendation and the Submarine Squadron Ten Battle Efficiency "E"; and

WHEREAS, from January 1992 to January 1993, Captain Deering was assigned as the Director of Special Operations and Intelligence on the staff of the Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Atlantic Fleet; and

WHEREAS, he later served with acumen as a senior member of the Atlantic Fleet Nuclear Propulsion Examining Board until February, 1995; and

WHEREAS, Captain Deering became the Commanding Officer aboard the USS TENNESSEE (Gold); and

WHEREAS, under his sagacious leadership, the USS Tennessee became the first Trident II submarine to complete an extended refit period; and

WHEREAS, the USS TENNESSEE was also selected to be the test platform for the alternate Bearing System; and

WHEREAS, Captain Deering will leave the USS TENNESSEE Gold to join the staff of Commander Submarine Group 10 in Kings Bay; and

WHEREAS, his countless accomplishments aside, Captain Ronald Deering is most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his charming wife, Carolyn, and their two sons, Craig and Brent; and

WHEREAS, Captain Deering's adroit qualities include the uncommon ability to motivate others to fully realize their potential, perhaps the most valuable of all skills; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, That we extend to Captain Ronald D. Deering our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.